2024 MALAYSIA BARISTA CHAMPIONSHIP

WBC 2024 RULES & REGULATIONS	MBC NATIONAL ADOPTION	OTHER INFORMATION
1. Conditions of Participation		
1.1 Organization The World Barista Championship (WBC) is a program of World Coffee Events, LTD (WCE). WCE is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Specialty Coffee Association (SCA).	**1.1 Organization** The Malaysia Barista Championship (MBC) is a program of Malaysia Specialty Coffee Association (MSCA).	
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1.3.1 Competition Body Qualifications The World Barista Championship (WBC) is a competition open to qualified Competition Body Champions of a World Coffee Events (WCE) sanctioned competition event. Sanctioned events are put on by WCE Licensed Competition Bodies. Every competition year, 1 competitor from each WCE Licensed Competition Body may participate. To learn more about how to become a WCE Licensed Competition Body please read the Competition Body	**1.3.1 Competition Body Qualifications** The Malaysia Barista Championship (MBC) is a competition open to qualified Competition Body Champions of a World Coffee Events (WCE) sanctioned competition event. Sanctioned events are put on by WCE Licensed Competition Bodies. Every competition year, 1 competitor from each WCE Licensed Competition Body may participate.	

Sanctioning Criteria and Terms, found here: worldcoffeeevents.org/competition-bodies.		
1.3.4 Nationality Competitors must hold a valid passport from the place they represent or documentation substantiating 24 months of residency, employment or scholastic enrolment, some portion of which must have been within 12 months preceding the qualifying Competition Body competition.	**1.3.4 Nationality** The Malaysia Barista Championship (MBC) is open to Malaysia citizens, aged 18 years and above. All competitors must be Malaysia permanent residents, residing and working in Malaysia at least **Twenty-Four (24)** months. Competitors must hold a MALAYSIAN passport with valid documentation substantiating 24 months of residency, employment, or scholastic enrolment.	
1.4.1 Judging A. Competitors may not judge in any sanctioned WBC competition (world, Competition Body, regional) in any country, including their own, prior to the conclusion of that year's WBC Event. Judges may not compete in any sanctioned WBC competition (world, Competition Body or regional) in any country, including their own, prior to the conclusion of that year's WBC Event. B. WBC judges must not coach and judge at a WBC event. If a registered judge has coached or provided feedback to any competitor in any capacity (either as the primary coach, supporting coach, or consultant) they must declare that conflict of interest prior to the event and during calibration. Failure to disclose a conflict of	**1.4.1 Judging** A. Competitors may not judge in any sanctioned MBC competition (world, Competition Body, regional) in any country, including their own, prior to the conclusion of that year's MBC Event. Judges may not compete in any sanctioned MBC competition (world, Competition Body or regional) in any country, including their own, prior to the conclusion of that year's MBC Event. B. MBC judges must not coach and judge at a MBC event. If a registered judge has coached or provided feedback to any competitor in any capacity (either as the primary coach, supporting coach, or consultant) they must declare that conflict of interest prior to the event and during calibration. Failure to disclose a conflict of	**** Added for clarity. No formal differences to current practice.**

interest may result in the disqualification of the competitor. Once the competition event has begun or judges have started their calibration (whichever is earlier), no communication or consultation in any form can take place between judges and competitors for the duration of the competition. Failure to comply during the event will result in the disqualification of the competitor and the removal of the judge from judging the competition.	interest may result in the disqualification of the competitor. Once the competition event has begun or judges have started their calibration (whichever is earlier), no communication or consultation in any form can take place between judges and competitors for the duration of the competition. Failure to comply during the event will result in the disqualification of the competitor and the removal of the judge from judging the competition.	
1.4.2 Calibration Baristas Competitors who participate as a calibration barista in a judge calibration for this competition are not eligible to compete in a sanctioned event until the completion of the competition year. This applies to both Competition Body WCE Sanctioned events as well as the World Competition.	**1.4.2 Calibration Baristas** Competitors who participate as a calibration barista in a judge calibration for this competition are not eligible to compete in a sanctioned event until the completion of the competition year.	
1.4.3 Other Conflicts of Interest WCE encourages any potential conflicts of interest to be declared at the soonest opportunity, certainly prior to the commencement of any competition by competitor, judge and/or event organizer. Failure to declare a potential conflict in advance of a sanctioned event could result in disqualification from events for an individual, or WCE removing endorsement for an event and its results that do not follow these guidelines. Questions regarding conflicts of	**1.4.3 Other Conflicts of Interest** MBC encourages any potential conflicts of interest to be declared at the soonest opportunity, certainly prior to the commencement of any competition by competitor, judge and/or event organizer. Failure to declare a potential conflict in advance of a sanctioned event could result in disqualification from events for an individual, or MBC removing endorsement for an event and its results that do not follow these guidelines. Questions regarding conflicts of	

interest, or clarification of the above policy should be directed to info@worldcoffeeevents.org	interest, or clarification of the above policy should be directed to secretariat@msca.org.my	
1.5 Enforcement of Rules and Regulations The WBC will employ these Rules & Regulations throughout the competition. If a competitor violates one or more of these Rules & Regulations, they may be automatically disqualified from the competition, except when the Rules designate a specific enforcement or consequence. If a judge or competition organizer causes the violation of one or more of these Rules, a competitor may submit an appeal, according to the process detailed in the "Appeals at the World Barista Championship" or "Appeals at a Competition Body Event" sections.	**1.5 Enforcement of Rules and Regulations** The MBC will employ these Rules and Regulations throughout the competition. If a competitor violates one or more of these rules and regulations, they may be automatically disqualified from the competition, except when the rules designate a specific enforcement or consequence. If a judge or competition organizer causes the violation of one or more of these rules, a competitor may submit an appeal, according to the process detailed in the section "Competitor Protest and Appeals".	
1.7.1 Competitor Registration Form Competitors must complete the WBC Competitor Registration Form online at www.worldbaristachampionship.org no less than 6 weeks prior to the WBC Event. This form includes a space to upload a scanned copy of the required valid passport or other accepted credentials (as described in the "Nationality" section). Approved Competition Body Champions will receive confirmation by email in approximately 2 weeks after receipt of all required registration documentation.	**1.7.1 Competitor Registration Form** Competitors must complete the MBC Competitor Registration Form online at www.msca.org.my . This form includes a space to upload a scanned copy of the required valid Passport (as described in the "Nationality" section). Approved Competition Body Champions will receive confirmation by email in approximately 2 weeks after receipt of all required registration documentation.	

1.7.3 Competitor Questions All competitors are personally responsible for reading and understanding current WBC Rules & Regulations and scoresheets, without exception. All WBC documents are available at worldbaristachampionship.org. Competitors are encouraged to ask questions prior to arriving at the WBC. If any competitor is unclear as to the intent of any of the rules and regulations it is their responsibility to clarify that position with the Rules and Regulations Committee prior to the WBC by contacting compinfo@worldcoffeeevents.org Competitors will also have the opportunity to ask questions during the ofcial Competitors Meeting held prior to the start of the competition.	**1.7.3 Competitor Questions** All competitors are personally responsible for reading and understanding current MBC Rules & Regulations and scoresheets, without exception. All MBC documents are available on www.msca.org.my. Competitors are encouraged to ask questions prior to arriving at the MBC. If any competitor is unclear as to the intent of any of the rules and regulations it is their responsibility to clarify that position with MSCA by contacting secretariat@msca.org.my. Competitors will also have the opportunity to ask questions during the official Competitors Meeting held prior to the start of the competition.	
1.7.4 Terms & Conditions Competitors and the World Barista Champion are visible spokespeople of the World Barista Championship event and role models of the specialty coffee industry, and as such must: A. Permit World Coffee Events Ltd., its stakeholders, agents, and representatives to use the competitor's name, image, or likeness in any format without charge for any business purpose,including but not limited to marketing promotion.	**1.7.4 Terms & Conditions** Competitors and the Malaysia Barista Champion are visible spokespeople of the Malaysia Barista Championship event and role models of the specialty coffee industry, and as such must: A. Permit Malaysia Specialty Coffee Association (MSCA), its stakeholders, agents, and representatives to use the competitor's name, image, or likeness in any format without charge for any business purpose,including but not limited to marketing promotion.	

B. Read and abide by the Competitor Code of Conduct document found of the WBC website C. Read and abide by the Champion Code of Conduct document found on the WBC website.	B. Read and abide by the Competitor Code of Conduct document found of the MSCA website. C. Read and abide by the Champion Code of Conduct document found on the MSCA website.	
2. The Competition		
2.1 Summary A. The WBC has 3 types of evaluation judges: sensory, technical, and head. i. Round One of the World Barista Championship will be run with 4 sensory judges, 1 technical judge, and 1 head judge. Non-scoring shadow judges may be present on stage. ii. The Semi-Final and Final Rounds of the World Barista Championship will be run with 4 sensory judges and 1 head judge. Non-scoring shadow judges may be present on stage.In the absence of a technical judge, the head judge will evaluate the Station Managementand cleanliness at the end of the performance/competition time.	**2.1 Summary** A. The MBC has 3 types of evaluation judges: sensory, technical, and head. i. Preliminary round of the Malaysia Barista Championship will be run with 4 sensory judges, 2 technical judges, and 1 head judge. Non-scoring shadow judges may be present on stage. ii. The Semi-Final and Final Rounds of the Malaysia Barista Championship will be run with 4 sensory judges, 2 technical judges, and 1 head judge. Non-scoring shadow judges may be present on stage. H. **ONLY** plain water can be served to the Head judges.	**Preliminary Round** to be held at TBC **Semi-Final and Final** to be held at KLCC Convention Centre. (23rd – 25th May 2023)

H. Head judges cannot be served. Nothing consumable (e.g., water, beverages, etc.) should beserved or provided for the head judge.		
3. Beverage Definition		
3.1 Espresso B. Coffee is the accumulation of roasted product of the seed of the fruit of a plant of the genus Coffea. C. For the purposes of this competition, no additives of any kind may be added to coffee after it reaches the "green coffee" stage, i.e., seeds of the Coffea genus, dried as a part of the post-harvest process, and free from all pericarp layers. This includes exposure to aromatic substances, flavourings, perfumes, liquids, powders, etc.	**3.1 Espresso** B. Coffee is the accumulation of roasted product of the seed of the fruit of a plant of the genus Coffea. C. For the purposes of this competition, no additives of any kind may be added to coffee after it reaches the "green coffee" stage, i.e., seeds of the Coffea genus, dried as a part of the post-harvest process, and free from all pericarp layers. This includes exposure to aromatic substances, flavourings, perfumes, liquids, powders, etc.	**** Added for clarity. No formal differences to current practice.**
3.2. Milk Beverage A. A milk beverage is a combination of 1 single shot of espresso (per the definition of espresso in the “Espresso” section) and milk steamed with the WBC-provided espresso machine, which should produce a harmonious balance of rich, sweet milk and espresso.	**3.2. Milk Beverage** A. A milk beverage is a combination of 1 single shot of espresso (per the definition of espresso in the “Espresso” section) and milk steamed with the MBC-provided espresso machine, which should produce a harmonious balance of rich, sweet milk and espresso.	**Competitors are required to use MBC-sponsored milk during their performance. The provided milk will be whole milk or alternative milk. MBC strives to provide fresh milk and alternative milk, and milk sponsor information will be updated at msca.org.my. Competitors must take unopened, fresh milk or alternative milk bottles with them on stage. They may not prepare milk off-stage. Competitors can

B. All commercially available unflavoured milks can be used. Plain (sweetened or unsweetened) plant-based milks and animal milks can be used. No human milk will be accepted, or a competitor will receive zero in that category. C. Combining and blending commercially available milks is allowed, provided all milks are commercially available and prepared as directed, if required (e.g., commercially available milk powders may be used, if prepared as directed on the package). Outside of combining milks, no additions may be made to milk, regardless of the type of milk chosen. Competitors can remove elements from commercially available milks (e.g., through freeze-distillation) provided that no ingredients or additives are used in the process of distillation.	B. All commercially available unflavoured sponsored milks can be used. Plain (sweetened or unsweetened) plant-based milks and animal milks can be used. No human milk will be accepted, or a competitor will receive zero in that category. C. Combining and blending sponsored milks is NOT allowed. Only a singular milk can be chosen. No additions may be made to milk, regardless of the type of milk chosen. Competitors **CANNOT** remove elements from commercially available milks (e.g., through freeze-distillation) provided that no ingredients or additives are used in the process of distillation.	prepare their milk from the unopened, fresh milk bottles during preparation time. **Official Milk:** Dutch Lady Professional Fresh Milk by Dutch Lady Professional **Official Alternative Milk:** Milklab Almond, Oat, Soy Milk by Bon Café
4. Competition Procedure		
F. The competition will consist of 3 competition rounds: Round One (all competitors), Semi-Final(16 competitors) and Final round (6 competitors)	F. The competition will consist of 3 competition rounds: Preliminary Round (all competitors), Semi-Final(12 competitors) and Final round (6 competitors)	

G. The WBC may, at its discretion, schedule more than 1 competition round in a single day (e.g.,Semi-Final and Final may be held on the same day). The WBC may, at its discretion, schedule over lapping performances in Round One. H. At the end of Round One, the competitors with the 15 highest scores will advance to the Semi-Final round. The highest scoring member of the winning team who is not already advancing to the Semi-Final round will advance as the Wild Card competitor in the Semi-Final round. Atthe end of the Semi-Final round, the competitors with the 6 highest scores will advance to the Final. The competitor's scores from each round will not carry over to the next round. Competitors will not receive their scoresheets for review or receive their scores until they have finished advancing in the competition. I. At the conclusion of Round One, there will be a ceremony where the winner of the team competition will be announced as well as the 16 semi-finalists. After Final there will be an awards ceremony where finalists will be awarded sixth through first place.	G. The MBC may, at its discretion, schedule more than 1 competition round in a single day (e.g.,Semi-Final and Final may be held on the same day). The MBC may, at its discretion, schedule over lapping performances in Preliminary Round. H. At the end of Preliminary Round, the competitors with the 12 highest scores will advance to the Semi-Final round. Atthe end of the Semi-Final round, the competitors with the 6 highest scores will advance to the Final Round. The competitor's scores from each round will not carry over to the next round. Competitors will not receive their scoresheets for review or receive their scores until they have finished advancing in the competition. I. At the conclusion of Preliminary Round, there will be a ceremony where the 12 semi-finalists winner will be announced. After Final there will be an awards ceremony where finalists will be awarded sixth through first place.	

4.2 Overview of the Competition Area

4.2.1 Station Placement

A. Competitors will be able to choose from 9 station layouts using WBC-supplied furniture. The machine table will be set at a fixed height and location in all layouts. The additional provided tables will be adjusted to any of the layout configurations detailed below, as requested by the competitor. Competitors will also choose if the judges will sit or stand. The competitor will be required to fill out a form ahead of the competition, indicating their chosen station layout and judge placement. Judges may be served at any table other than the machine table. Any asymmetrical layout can be mirrored in orientation, if requested. Competitors may use a different layout for each round of competition.

B. WCE will supply a full list with measurements of the furniture available for competitor use as soon as possible. The furniture will include an approximately 2.5L x 0.9W x 0.9H (m) espresso machine table, and 2 presentation tables approximately 2.4L x 0.75W x 1.0H (m) for preparation and/or service. Please note: all table dimensions are approximate and might vary slightly onsite.

4.2.1 Station Placement

A. Competitors will **ONLY** be able to use the fixed station layouts set by MBC and using MBC-supplied furniture. 4 sensory judges will at the judge table. Sensory judges must remain seated or standing at the judge table, they cannot be moved around the space. The machine table will be set at a fixed height and location in MBC fixed layouts.

B. MBC will supply a full list with measurements of the furniture available for competitor use as soon as possible. The furniture will include a 1.8L x 0.9W x 0.9H (m) espresso machine table, and 1 preparation / worktable 1.8L x 0.9W x 0.9H (m) and 1 judges table approximately 2.4L x 0.75W x 1.0H (m). Please note: all table dimensions are approximate and might vary slightly onsite.

Station layout will be fixed by MBC
(** any changes to the arrangement, competitors will be notified)

Espresso Machine Table (1.8L x 0.90W x 0.75-1.00H)

Presentation Table (1.8-2.4L x 0.60-0.75W x 0.75-1.00H)

Worktable (1.8L x 0.60-0.75W x 0.75-1.00H)

Garbage Bin

No Media Circle or Square (7m diameter)

C. The competitor will be able to create their own layout within a 7m x 7m no-media square. The competitors must be present during the Table Set time. Once their station has been set to the requested general configuration, as depicted in the rules, competitors may request additional adjustments to the table set during the Table Set Time, provided it aligns with the initial layout and does not pose a health and safety risk in terms of stage workflow, water, and electric supply to the equipment on stage. D. All presentation tables must be at least 0.3m (12 inches) from the edge of the square and the espresso machine table cannot be moved. Station Layout Options:		
5. Machinery, Accessories & Raw Materials		
5.1 Espresso Machine Competitors may only use the espresso machine supplied for the WBC by the ofcial WBC espresso machine sponsor. No other espresso machines may be used, or present, on stage. The WBC-provided espresso machine has a fixed technical configuration for the pump pressure (between 8.5 and 9.5	**5.1 Espresso Machine** Competitors may only use the espresso machine supplied for the MBC by the official MBC espresso machine sponsor Victoria Arduino Eagle One, 2 groups by Dankoff Coffee Specialist. No other espresso machines may be used on stage.	Competitors are required to use a single temperature for all group heads on their provided espresso machines.

bars) and cannot be altered by the competitors. The machine's brewing temperature can be set at any temperature between 90.5-96 degrees Celsius (195-205 degrees Fahrenheit). Individual group head temperatures may be selected. A competitor's temperature request must be given during the Competitor's Orientation Meeting and will be set and verified by a technician from the sponsored espresso machine sponsor. An updated temperature setting request may be made by the competitor to the WCE stage management staff after concluding their practice time. If no temperature is requested, the machine will be set at a midpoint between 90.5-96 degrees Celsius (195-205 degrees Fahrenheit).	The MBC-provided espresso machine has a fixed technical configuration for the pump pressure (between 8.5 and 9.5 bars) and cannot be altered by the competitors. The machine's brewing temperature can be set at any temperature between 90.5-96 degrees Celsius (195-205 degrees Fahrenheit). The espresso machine's temperature and pump pressure settings shall NOT be altered.	
5.4 Grinder WBC Competitors must use the grinder sponsored by the official WBC grinder sponsor to prepare the espresso for each course in their competition routine. Provided grinders are only to be used on-site. The grinders have a fixed technical configuration including the hopper and cannot be opened or subjected to any functional modifications by the competitors. Competitors may adjust the grind particle size and dose from the external controls. The provided grinders will be calibrated to the same specifications for each competitor. The use of a competitor's own grinder is allowed, as long as the grinder model is identical to the acceptable official	**5.4 Grinder** MBC Competitors must use the MBC Grinder Sponsor, Anfim Luna by BonCafe, to prepare the espresso for each course in their competition routine. The grinders have a fixed technical configuration including the hopper and cannot be opened or subjected to any functional modifications by the competitors. Competitors may adjust the grind particle size and dose from the external controls. The provided grinders will be calibrated to the same specifications for each competitor. The use of a competitor's own grinder is allowed, as long as the grinder model is identical to the acceptable Anfim	

grinder model. Not following these rules is grounds for disqualification. Competitors may not use more than 2 grinders total for espresso preparation during their performance, otherwise the competitor will receive 0 points in Station Management.	Luna model. Not following these rules is grounds for disqualification. Competitors may not use more than 2 grinders total for espresso preparation during their performance, otherwise the competitor will receive 0 points in Station Management.	
5.5 Additional Electrical Equipment In addition to the grinder(s) competitors may use up to 2 additional pieces of electrical equipment during their performance. Competitors must notify the WBC event organizer prior to arriving at the WBC of any electrical equipment they are bringing (e.g., hot plate, hand mixer, etc.), otherwise the competitor is at risk of their equipment not being allowed in their performance. Competitors are responsible for ensuring their electrical equipment can operate in the country where the WBC is held and for any adapters or converters necessary for operation of the equipment. WBC will not provide electrical adapters, converters, or extension cords.	**5.5 Additional Electrical Equipment** In addition to the grinder(s) competitors may use up to 2 additional pieces of electrical equipment during their performance. Competitors must notify the MBC event organizer prior to arriving at the MBC of any electrical equipment they are bringing (e.g., hot plate, hand mixer, etc.), otherwise the competitor is at risk of their equipment not being allowed in their performance. Competitors are responsible for ensuring their electrical equipment can operate in Malaysia where the MBC is held and for any adapters or converters necessary for operation of the equipment. MBC will not provide electrical adapters, converters, or extension cords.	
6. Competitor Instructions Prior to Preparation Time		
6.1 Competitors' Orientation Meeting Prior to the start of the WBC Event, a Competitor Orientation Meeting will take place, either online or in person. This meeting is mandatory for all competitors. During this meeting, the WBC stage manager and	**6.1 Competitors' Orientation Meeting** Prior to the start of the MBC Event, a Competitor Briefing will take place. This briefing is mandatory for all competitors. During this briefing, the MBC stage manager and presiding head judges will make	

presiding head judges will make announcements, explain the competition flow, review the competition schedule, share images of the stage and backstage areas. This will be an opportunity for competitors to ask questions and/or voice concerns to the WBC Stage Manager and/or presiding head judges. After the meeting, the competitor will receive a form indicating their chosen station layout, judge placement, equipment placement, and their temperature request. This form must be returned to WCE. If a competitor has not made advance plans with the WCE event organizer and does not attend the online orientation meeting, they are subject to disqualification by the presiding head judges.	announcements, explain the competition flow, and review the competition schedule, share images of the stage and backstage areas. This will be an opportunity forcompetitors to ask questions and/or voice concerns to the MBC Stage Manager and/or presiding head judges. If a competitor has not made advance plans with the MBC event organizer and does not attend the briefing, they are subject to disqualification by the presiding head judges.	
6.2 Preparation Practice Room There will be a staging area designated as the competitors' preparation/practice room. The table layout cannot be altered in the preparation/practice room. This area will be reserved for the competitors, coaches, volunteers, and any WBC ofcials. Judges, press/media, competitor's family members, and supporters may not be present in this area without consent from the WCE event organizers. WCE preparation/practice room access will be restricted to the competitor, 1 coach, and 1 helper/interpreter, unless otherwise communicated by the stage manager. Competitors that violate backstage rules after being warned once by a stage	**6.2 Preparation Practice Room** There will be a staging area designated as the competitors' preparation room. The table layout cannot be altered in the preparation/practice room. This area will be reserved for the competitors, coaches, volunteers, and any MBC officials. Judges, press/media, competitor's family members and supporters may not be present in this area without consent from the MBC event organizers. MBC preparation/practice room access will be restricted to the competitor, 1 coach, **or** 1 helper / interpreter. Competitors will be able to store their equipment, accessories, ingredients, etc. in this room at their own risk. This room will also include a	**** Highlighted portion for further clarification. One competitor is allowed to assist by one coach or one helper, with addition of 1 interpreter if it's necessary.**

manager or staff may be disqualified. Competitors will be able to store their equipment, accessories, ingredients, etc. in this room at their own risk. Refrigerators and freezers will be provided for any ingredients that need to stay cold or frozen. This room will also include a dishwashing station for competitors to use to wash glass and barware. Competitors are responsible for keeping track of and cleaning their own dishes and glassware. Runners and event staff are not responsible for breakage or loss of dishes or competitor items. There will be no power provided to competitors in the backstage area. Competitors cannot plug equipment into any sockets found in the backstage area. Any equipment found to be plugged in outside of the competitors practice, preparation, and stage time will be removed.	dishwashing station for competitors to use to wash glass and barware. Competitors are responsible for keeping track of and cleaning their own dishes and glassware. Runners and event staff are not responsible for breakage or loss of dishes or competitor items.	
6.3 Practice Time The preparation/practice room will have at least 3 three-group espresso machines and grinders identical to the competition equipment on stage. Each competitor may have 1 hour of scheduled practice time. Practice times will be scheduled based on competition time (i.e., the first scheduled competitors will have the earliest scheduled practice times). Competitors will be emailed a practice schedule prior to the WBC Event. The WBC does not guarantee access to practice space outside of assigned practice	**6.3 Practice Time** **<u>Pre-liminary & Semi-Finals</u>** Competitors will be emailed a practice schedule prior to the MBC Event; a reservation is required in order to book a practise slot. Each competitor will be allocated 60 mins with the practise machine at the sponsors designated practise venue. The MBC does not guarantee access to practice space outside of assigned practice time. If unforeseen events prevent the competitor from attending their scheduled practice time it is the competitor's	

time. If unforeseen events prevent the competitor from attending their scheduled practice time it is the competitor's responsibility to contact the event manager or stage manager as soon as possible.	responsibility to contact the event manager or stage manager as soon as possible. **<u>Final round</u>** On the day of the Final Round, each finalists will be allocated 30 mins practise time with the competition machines at their designated competition station.	
6.4 Competition Music Competitors may bring their own music for the Semi-Final and Final rounds of competition. The delivery method(s) will be communicated to competitors ahead of the competition. Music may not contain profanity, otherwise the competitor's score on "Presentation" may be penalized on all sensory scoresheets. It is the competitor's responsibility to give the WBC Stage Manager or Audio-Visual staff their music prior to the start of the competition. It is also the competitor's responsibility to retrieve the music from the WBC Stage Manager or Audio-Visual staff after the competition. Media that are not retrieved will be discarded after the competition. Online performances will be streamed with rights-free music.	**6.4 Competition Music** Competitors may bring their own music on a CD, MP3 player, USB drive, or smart phone for the Semi-Final and Final rounds of competition. If a smart phone is used, it must have 3.5mm aux output (no adapters), be unlocked (no screen passcode), and be in both Airplane & Do Not Disturb mode. Music may not contain profanity, otherwise the competitor's score on "Presentation: professionalism" may be penalized on all sensory scoresheets. Competitors must mark their music clearly with their name. It is the competitor's responsibility to give the MBC Stage Manager or Audio-Visual staff their music prior to the start of the competition. It is also the competitor's responsibility to retrieve the music from the MBC Stage Manager or Audio-Visual staff after the competition. Media that are not retrieved will be discarded after the competition.	

6.5 Be on Time Competitors should be in the preparation/ practice room a minimum of 60 minutes prior to their scheduled 7 minutes of Table Set Time. Any competitor who is not standing-by and ready to begin immediately at the start of their 7 minutes of Table Set Time may be disqualified.	**6.5 Be on Time** Competitors should be in the preparation/ practice room a minimum of 60 minutes prior to their scheduled 7 minutes of Table Set Time. Any competitor who is not standing-by and ready to begin immediately at the start of their 7 minutes of Table Set Time may be disqualified.	
6.6 Table Setup A head runner will be responsible for ensuring each competitor's station is set as the competitor has requested prior to their preparation time (i.e., placement of the grinder(s), electrical equipment, and table layout). The competitor must be present for their Table Set Time. After the head runner has set up the station, the competitor is responsible to re-adjust it, if needed, within the Preparation Time. For details on the 7-minute Table Set Time, see the "Summary" section.	**6.6 Table Setup** A head runner will be responsible for ensuring each competitor's station is set as the competitor has requested prior to their preparation time (i.e., placement of the grinder(s), electrical equipment, and table layout). The competitor must be present for their Table Set Time. After the head runner has set up the station, the competitor is responsible to re-adjust it, if needed, within the Preparation Time. For details on the 7-minute Table Set Time, see the "Summary" section.	
6.6.1 Grinder and Additional Electrical Equipment If a competitor has brought additional electrical equipment or if a competitor plans to use the provided grinders, the competitor needs to inform the WBC Stage Manager prior to the start of competition. The head runner will contact the competitor approximately 60 minutes prior to the start of	**6.6.1 Grinder and Additional Electrical Equipment** If a competitor has brought additional electrical equipment or if a competitor plans to use the provided grinders, the competitor needs to inform the MBC Stage Manager prior to the start of competition. The head runner will contact the competitor approximately 60 minutes prior to the start of	

their Table Set Time. If the competitor would like to help the head runner take their additional electrical equipment to the station, this will be allowed; however, once the item(s) is in place and plugged in, the competitor will not be allowed to touch the item(s) and must leave the stage immediately. Please note: no coffee beans may be placed in the hopper whether attached to the grinder or being brought out separately, until the competitor's preparation time has begun.	their Table Set Time. If the competitor would like to help the head runner take their additional electrical equipment to the station, this will be allowed; however, once the item(s) is in place and plugged in, the competitor will not be allowed to touch the item(s) and must leave the stage immediately. Please note: no coffee beans may be placed in the hopper whether attached to the grinder or being brought out separately, until the competitor's preparation time has begun.	
6.7 Supporters/Assistants Not Allowed on Stage Only the competitor, their designated interpreter, and WCE-authorized personnel are allowed on-stage during the allotted Table Set, Preparation, Performance and Clean-up times. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.	**6.7 Supporters/Assistants Not Allowed on Stage** Only the competitor, their designated interpreter, and MBC-authorized personnel are allowed on-stage during the allotted Table Set, Preparation, Performance and Clean-up times. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.	
7. Preparation Time		
7.2 Cart Competitors are responsible for the loading and unloading of supplies on the provided waiter's cart. The preparation timekeeper will remove the cart off stage at the end of the competitor's preparation time. The waiter's cart is not allowed on stage during the performance. Please note that if items are left on the cart after the competitor's preparation	**7.2 Cart** Competitors are responsible for the loading and unloading of supplies on the provided waiter's cart. The preparation timekeeper will remove the cart off stage at the end of the competitor's preparation time. The waiter's cart is not allowed on stage during the performance. Please note that if items are left on the cart after the competitor's preparation	

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7.3 Judges’ Presentation Table The judges’ presentation table can be set during the competitor’s preparation time, including the serving of water. If a competitor does not wish to pre-set the judges’ presentation table during their preparation, they can set the table at the start of their competition/performance time.	**7.3 Judges’ Presentation Table** The judges’ presentation table can be set during the competitor’s preparation time, including the serving of water. If a competitor does not wish to pre-set the judges’ presentation table during their preparation, they can set the table at the start of their competition/performance time.	
7.6 End of Preparation Time Competitors may not exceed their allotted 15 minutes of preparation time. The timekeeper will give the competitor a 10-minute, 5-minute, 3-minute, 1-minute, and 30-second warning during their 15 minutes of preparation time. At 15 minutes, the ofcial preparation timekeeper will indicate that time has expired and ask the competitor to step away from the station. Any competitor who fails to cease preparation within 15 minutes will be subject to penalties as shown in the “Time Penalties” section below.	**7.6 End of Preparation Time** Competitors may not exceed their allotted 15 minutes of preparation time. The timekeeper will give the competitor a 10-minute, 5-minute, 3-minute, 1-minute, and 30-second warning during their 15 minutes of preparation time. At 15 minutes, the ofcial preparation timekeeper will indicate that time has expired and ask the competitor to step away from the station. Any competitor who fails to cease preparation within 15 minutes will be subject to penalties as shown in the “Time Penalties” section below.	

8. Competition Time		
8.5 Runners Clear the Served Drinks After each set of drinks has been served to and evaluated by the judges, a runner will clear the drinks from the judges' presentation table at the direction of the head judge. Runners will remove cups, saucers and spoons used in the previous beverage course. If a competitor has special instructions for the runner, they will need to explain these instructions to the runner, head judge, and the WBC stage manager before the start of their competition time, otherwise the standard of cups, saucers and spoons will be removed. If instructions were not given to the head judge and the WBC stage manager and if the wares the competitor wants onstage were removed by the runner, retrieval of the wares is allowed in accordance with 9.2 Forgotten Accessories. The runner will make every reasonable effort to avoid impeding the competitor, but it is the competitor's responsibility to navigate their station successfully.	**8.5 Runners Clear the Served Drinks** After each set of drinks has been served to and evaluated by the judges, a runner will clear the drinks from the judges' presentation table at the direction of the head judge. Runners will remove cups, saucers and spoons used in the previous beverage course. If a competitor has special instructions for the runner, they will need to explain these instructions to the runner, head judge, and the MBC stage manager before the start of their competition time, otherwise the standard of cups, saucers and spoons will be removed. If instructions were not given to the head judge and the MBC stage manager and if the wares the competitor wants onstage were removed by the runner, retrieval of the wares is allowed in accordance with 9.2 Forgotten Accessories. The runner will make every reasonable effort to avoid impeding the competitor, but it is the competitor's responsibility to navigate their station successfully.	
8.6 Station Perimeters Competitors may only utilize the work area provided by the WBC: the machine table and presentation tables. The introduction of any other furniture and/or equipment that is placed directly on or over the competition area floor (e.g., a stand, table, dumbwaiter,	**8.6 Station Perimeters** Competitors may only utilize the work area provided by the MBC: the machine table and presentationtables. The introduction of any other furniture and/or equipment that is placed directly on or over the competition area floor (e.g., a stand, table, dumbwaiter,	

bench, etc.) will result in automatic disqualification. Competitors may not utilize any space under any competition tables for storage, otherwise the competitor will receive 0 points in the “Station management/Clean working area at end” section. The only allowed exceptions to the rule are a free-standing knockbox; and steps or platforms as necessary for baristas to fully access the espresso machine & presentation tables. These allowed additions must be provided by the competitor and are the sole responsibility of the competitor.	bench, etc.) will result in automatic disqualification. Competitors may not utilize any space under any competition tables for storage, otherwise the competitor will receive 0 points in the “Station management/Clean working area at end”section. The only allowed exceptions to the rule are a free-standing knockbox; and steps or platforms as necessary for baristas to fully access the espresso machine & presentation tables. These allowed additions must be provided by the competitor and are the sole responsibility of the competitor.	
8.7 End Competition Time A. Competition time will be stopped when a competitor raises their hand and says “time”. It is the competitor’s responsibility to call “time” clearly to allow the time to be recorded accurately. Only the time recorded by the head judge or ofcial timekeeper will be used for scoring purposes. B. The competitor may choose to end their performance at any time. For example, competitors can stop the clock once their final drink is placed on the presentation table to be served to the judges or may choose to go back to their station to clean before stopping the clock. C. Competitors are allowed up to 15 minutes for completion of their performance without	**8.7 End Competition Time** A. Competition time will be stopped when a competitor raises their hand and says “time”. It is the competitor’s responsibility to call “time” clearly to allow the time to be recorded accurately. Only the time recorded by the head judge or ofcial timekeeper will be used for scoring purposes. B. The competitor may choose to end their performance at any time. For example, competitors can stop the clock once their final drink is placed on the presentation table to be served to the judges or may choose to go back to their station to clean before stopping the clock. C. Competitors are allowed up to 15 minutes for completion of their performance without	

penalty. There is no penalty or additional incentive to complete a performance in less than 15 minutes.	penalty. There is no penalty or additional incentive to complete a performance in less than 15 minutes.	
8.9 Time Penalties A. If the competitor has not finished their preparation or presentation during the allotted 15- minute period, they are allowed to proceed until the preparation or presentation is completed. B. A point shall be deducted for every second over 15 minutes from the competitor's total score up to a maximum penalty of 60 points (1 minute). C. Any competitor whose preparation or performance period exceeds 16 minutes will be disqualified.	**8.9 Time Penalties** A. If the competitor has not finished their preparation or presentation during the allotted 15- minute period, they are allowed to proceed until the preparation or presentation is completed. B. A point shall be deducted for every second over 15 minutes from the competitor's total score up to a maximum penalty of 60 points (1 minute). C. Any competitor whose preparation or performance period exceeds 16 minutes will be disqualified.	
8.10 Coaching Instructions or 'coaching' may not be provided to a competitor during the time of their competition under penalty of disqualification. The WBC encourages audience participation and enthusiastic fan support that does not interfere with competition. Coaches, supporters, friends, or family members are not allowed on stage while the competition is in progress, otherwise the competitor is subject to disqualification by the presiding head judge.	**8.10 Coaching** Instructions or 'coaching' may not be provided to a competitor during the time of their competition under penalty of disqualification. The MBC encourages audience participation and enthusiastic fan support that does not interfere with competition. Coaches, supporters, friends, or family members are not allowed on stage while the competition is in progress, otherwise the competitor is subject to disqualification by the presiding head judge.	

9. Technical Issues		
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12. Post Competition		
12.1.1 WBC Official Scorekeeping The WBC official scorekeepers are responsible for adding all scores and for keeping all scores confidential.	**12.1.1 MBC Official Scorekeeping** The MBC official scorekeepers are responsible for adding all scores and for keeping all scores confidential.	
12.1.2 Competitor's Total Score In Round One, the competitor's total score will be tallied by adding the sum of the technical scoresheetand all 4 sensory scoresheets, then deducting any time penalty. Please note the head judge scoresheet does not count towards the competitor's total score in Round One. In the Semi-Final andFinal Rounds, the competitor's total score will be tallied by adding the sum of the 4 sensory scoresheets, the Station Management and Clean Working Area at End scores from the Head Judge scoresheet, then deducting any time penalty.	**12.1.2 Competitor's Total Score** In Preliminary Round, the competitor's total score will be tallied by adding the sum of the 2 technical scoresheets and all 4 sensory scoresheets, then deducting any time penalty. Please note the head judge scoresheet does not count towards the competitor's total score in all rounds. In the Semi-Final and Final Rounds, the competitor's total score will be tallied by adding the sum of the 2 technical scoresheets and 4 sensory scoresheets, then deducting any time penalty.	
12.2 Debriefing Following the competition, competitors will have an opportunity to review their scoresheets with the judges online in accordance with the announced schedule. Competitors are allowed to keep their original scoresheets after the WCE event manager scans the scoresheets. Please be aware your scoresheets may be made public after the completion of the WBC.	**12.2 Debriefing** Following the competition, competitors will have an opportunity to review their scoresheets with the judges in accordance with the announced schedule. Scanned copy of scoresheets will be made available to competitors after the event. Please be aware your scoresheets may be made public after the completion of the MBC.	

13. Evaluation Criteria		
13.2 Competition Area A technical judge will be present in Round One of the World Barista Championship, and no technical judges will be present in the Semi-Final and Final Rounds. The technical judge will evaluate the competition area for cleanliness at the beginning and end of the performance/competition time. In the absence of a technical judge, the head judge will evaluate the cleanliness at the end of the performance/competition time.	**13.2 Competition Area** Two technical judges will be present in Preliminary Round, Semi-Final and Final Rounds of the Malaysia Barista Championship. The technical judges will evaluate the competition area for cleanliness at the beginning and end of the performance/competition time and the technical judges will evaluate the cleanliness at the end of the performance/competition time.	
14. Technical Evaluation Procedure		
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15. Sensory Evaluation Procedure		
15.1.5 Tactile Experience The quality of the tactile experience, or mouthfeel, is evaluated. Judges will evaluate the tactile sensation of coffee in the mouth, based on the thickness and texture of the espresso served. The espresso should have	**15.1.5 Tactile Experience** The quality of the tactile experience, or mouthfeel, is evaluated. Judges will evaluate the tactile sensation of coffee in the mouth, based on the thickness and texture of the espresso served. The espresso should have	The tactile experience observed after the coffee has been swallowed is now separated from the aftertaste evaluation.

a tactile experience that correlates to the preparation, method of extraction, and coffee used in the espresso. “Thickness” relates to the perceived weight or viscosity of the espresso, from thin to thick. Texture is defined as the perceived sensation of grittiness to smoothness (e.g., “watery,” “tea-like,” “velvety”). The quality of thickness and texture is based upon the tactile feeling of the espresso in the mouth. Both a light and heavy weight can receive high scores relative to the texture quality in the mouth. If the weight and/or texture detracts from the espresso experience (e.g., “watery,” “rough,” or “dusty”), lower marks are given. If the perception of weight and texture contribute positively to the experience of the espresso, higher marks are given. The tactile experience that is present after the coffee has left the mouth will be taken into consideration in the Tactile Experience (e.g., astringent, or silky).	a tactile experience that correlates to the preparation, method of extraction, and coffee used in the espresso. “Thickness” relates to the perceived weight or viscosity of the espresso, from thin to thick. Texture is defined as the perceived sensation of grittiness to smoothness (e.g., “watery,” “tea-like,” “velvety”). The quality of thickness and texture is based upon the tactile feeling of the espresso in the mouth. Both a light and heavy weight can receive high scores relative to the texture quality in the mouth. If the weight and/or texture detracts from the espresso experience (e.g., “watery,” “rough,” or “dusty”), lower marks are given. If the perception of weight and texture contribute positively to the experience of the espresso, higher marks are given. The tactile experience that is present after the coffee has left the mouth will be taken into consideration in the Tactile Experience (e.g., astringent, or silky).	
16. Appeals at the World Barista Championship		
16.1 Judge Related Issues Most scorekeeping questions will be answered during competitor debrief. If a competitor objects to the scores given by one or more judges, the competitor can meet with their head judge during the competitor debriefing to explain their protest. If the head judge is unavailable, the competitor may discuss with the Judge Operations Lead	**16.1 Judge Related Issues** Most scorekeeping questions will be answered during competitor debrief. If a competitor objects to the scores given by one or more judges, the competitor can meet with their head judge during the competitor debriefing to explain their protest. If the head judge is unavailable, the competitor may discuss with the Judge Operations Lead	

onsite. If the issue is not solved, the competitor may protest in writing to WCE (see Appeals below). This will be reviewed by judge leadership and the WCE Competition Operations Committee. They will make a decision on-site and a representative of the WCE Competition Operations Committee will inform the competitor of the decision. If in the unlikely event that the head judge or any other WBC personnel discovers or suspects potential dishonest behavior by a WBC judge during a competitor's evaluation, then the following will apply: • The head judge will request the return of all applicable scoresheets from the official score keeper. • The head judge will meet with the WBC judge(s), WCE Staff, and WCE Competition Operations Committee Chair(s) to evaluate the situation. • The WCE Staff and WCE Competition Operations Committee Chair(s) will then rule upon the matter in a closed meeting. • If the matter of dishonesty is extensive, the WCE Competition Operations Committee Chair(s) has the power to rule that the WBC judge will be excluded from judging in any future WBC sanctioned competitions.	onsite. If the issue is not solved, the competitor may protestin writing to MSCA (see Appeals below). This will be reviewed by judge leadership and the MBC Competition Operations Committee. They will make a decision on-site and a representative of the MBC Competition Operations Committee will inform the competitor of the decision. If in the unlikely event that the head judge or any other MBC personnel discovers or suspects potential dishonest behavior by a MBC judge during a competitor's evaluation, then the following will apply: • The head judge will request the return of all applicable scoresheets from the official scorekeeper. • The head judge will meet with the MBC judge(s), MSCA Staff, Volunteer (if applicable) and MSCA Competition Operations Committee Chair(s) to evaluate the situation. • The MSCA Staff and MSCA Competition Operations Committee Chair(s) will then rule uponthe matter in a closed meeting. • If the matter of dishonesty is extensive, the MSCA Competition Operations Committee Chair(s) has the power to rule that the MBC judge will be excluded from judging in any future MSCA sanctioned competitions.	

15.2 Competitor Related Issues If a competitor has an issue or protest to make regarding the WBC during the competition, the competitor should contact the WBC event organizer. The event organizer will then determine whether the issue can be resolved on-site at the WBC, or whether the issue will require a written appeal following the WBC. If the WBC event organizer decides that the issue and/or protest can be solved on-site at the WBC, the WBC event organizer will contact the involved party or parties to ensure fair representation. The competitor's issue and/or protest will be discussed, and a decision will be made jointly, on-site by the WBC event organizer and the designated onsite representative of the WCE Judge Operations Lead. The WBC event organizer will inform the competitor of the decision.	**15.2 Competitor Related Issues** If a competitor has an issue or protest to make regarding the MBC during the competition, the competitor should contact the MBC event organizer. The event organizer will then determine whetherthe issue can be resolved on-site at the MBC, or whether the issue will require a written appeal following the MBC. If the MBC event organizer decides that the issue and/or protest can be solved on-site at the MBC, the MBC event organizer will contact the involved party or parties to ensure fair representation. The competitor's issue and/or protest will be discussed, and a decision will be made jointly, on-site by the MBC event organizer and the designated onsite representative of the MBC Judge Operations Lead. The MBC event organizer will inform the competitor of the decision.	
15.3 Appeals If a person does not agree with a decision, they may appeal the decision in writing to the WCE Competition Operations Committee. All decisions made by the committee are final. The appeal letter must include the following: • Name • Date • A clear and concise statement of the complaint • Date and time references (if	**15.3 Appeals** If a person does not agree with a decision, they may appeal the decision in writing to the MBC Competition Operations Committee. All decisions made by the committee are final. The appeal letter must include the following: • Name • Date • A clear and concise statement of the complaint • Date and time references (if	

applicable) • Comments and suggested solution • Party/Parties involved • Contact information Any written protests/appeals omitting this information will not be considered. All persons must submit their written complaint or appeal to the WBC event manager via email to info@worldcoffeeevents.orgwithin 24 hours of the incident.	applicable) • Comments and suggested solution • Party/Parties involved • Contact information Any written protests/appeals omitting this information will not be considered. All persons must submit their written complaint or appeal to the Malaysia Specialty Coffee Association (MSCA) via email to secretariat@msca.org.my **within 24 hours of the incident.**	
15.4 Appeals Reviewed by the Competition Strategic Committee The WCE Competition Strategic Committee will review written complaints or appeals and endeavour to respond as soon as possible. Please note that the final resolution will be delivered within 30 days of receipt. The WCE Competition Strategic Committee will contact the person in writing via email withfinal rulings.	**15.4 Appeals Reviewed by the MSCA Committee** The MSCA Committee will review written complaints or appeals and endeavour to respond as soon as possible. Please note that the final resolution will be delivered within 30 days of receipt. The MSCA x`Committee will contact the person in writing via email with final rulings.	